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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 16, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The Conference Report on the FY1985 Defense Authorization bill requires an unclassified report to Congress on further Soviet arms control treaty violations to be made on December 1, 1984. I am informed that this report will cover 13 new compliance issues, and that Defense Secretary Weinberger pledged to Senator Helms that the report would be presented by September 15, 1984, the originally mandated date.

Is this report finally on schedule, and will there be an unclassified report to Congress on December 1, 1984?

With warmest personal regards,

Very respectfully,



Steve Symms
United States Senator

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Dear Mr. President:

Last June 14, I inserted into the Congressional Record several press reports that the Soviet Union is electronically jamming U.S. National Technical Means of SALT verification, and that this Soviet jamming constitutes electronic warfare in space. U.S. National Technical Means of verification cannot be distinguished from strategic early warning sensors. The press reports suggest that U.S. strategic early warning sensors in space are also being jammed by the Soviets. An Assistant Secretary of Defense has confirmed the accuracy of these press reports in testimony to Congress.

The U.S.-Soviet Agreement of 1971 on Measures to Reduce the Risk of Nuclear War Outbreak states in Article 3:

The Parties undertake to notify each other immediately in the event of detection by missile warning systems...of signs of interference with these systems...

In light of these confirmed press reports of the Soviet jamming and the above language from the U.S.-Soviet Agreement to reduce the risk of nuclear war, I have several urgent questions:

1. Can Soviet jamming and interference with U.S. National Technical Means of verification be distinguished from Soviet interference with U.S. missile warning systems?
2. Have the Soviets notified the U.S. of such jamming and interference in accordance with the 1971 Agreement?
3. Does Soviet jamming, interference, and failure to notify constitute violations of the Agreement?
4. Can these Soviet actions legitimately be interpreted as acts of electronic warfare in space against the U.S.?
5. Do these Soviet actions reduce U.S. strategic warning time against Soviet attack?
6. Do these Soviet actions increase the risks of nuclear war?

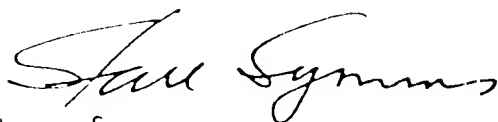
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7. Do these Soviet actions inhibit progress in arms control?

Thank you for your prompt answers to my urgent questions.

With warmest personal regards,

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steve Symms". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Steve Symms
United States Senator

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